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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3761

Examiner: K. Lewis

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a Brief on Appeal to the Notice of Appeal received by the USPTO on April 9, 2004 originally required a reply by June 9, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to file the Brief and therefore request that the deadline for reply be extended under the provisions of Rule 136(a) to July 9, 2004. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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